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A Message From Dr. Randy L. Bennett



A few years ago my daughter Sandy and I decided to learn more about the Stock Market. We kept hearing about a well publicized seminar on this subject that was coming to town. After thinking and praying about it for a few months we decided to sign up for the seminar. We hoped to learn how to invest small amounts of money in the stock market since neither of us had much money to invest. We received a tiny little silver bar worth a few dollars for signing up. We excitedly entered the conference room area. The next two days were a blur. Occasionally we were given an incredibly fast and unhelpful presentation on how to invest in stock. The rest of the time we were being sold a life changing \$30,000 training program that would give us the actual details on how to invest in the market. I kept thinking, "If you can make so much money investing in the stock market why do you need to sell an expensive training program. Just go make more money and forget the seminars."

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**My heart beats for
Jesus**

As baby boomer Pastors enter into their retirement years many will live in severe poverty wondering where their Defined Benefit pension is. Most will have Social Security except for those who choose to opt out back in the 1980's. Unless they personally invested in a retirement account along with the church they will have little to live on.

You may even get frustrated why your Pastor doesn't retire when he approaches seventy years old. Many Pastors are fully aware that they can never afford to retire so they keep working long past their prime.

Has your church been generous to your Pastor and his wife? Has your church consistently invested in your Pastor's retirement? It is important to know that if your church doesn't do so, your Pastor will enter into retirement with no money to live on. Jesus' admonition comes to mind: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Be generous. Don't be greedy. God will bless you and provide for the needs of the church as you provide for the needs of your Pastor and Staff.

Your Missionary,



Dr. Randy L. Bennett
Director of Missions - Kern County
Southern Baptist Association

KCSBA PASTOR'S FORUM



FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST, 3001 STINE RD.

**Our Pastors are invited to join the
Rick Warren Series -
New Hope for Your Church**

February 2nd 9:00 AM

R.S.V.P. – FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST 833-4345

KCSBA MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY 2017 FINANCIALS

Working together to spread the Gospel of Christ . . .
Thank you for your giving!

We sincerely thank the following churches and missions for their contributions during JANUARY 2017. Financials are based upon contributions received by the last work-day of the month. Any contributions received after the last day of the month will be accounted for in the next months financials. We are grateful to those churches that make missions a priority and give faithfully to KCSBA.

**Giving from our Churches for
January 2017
\$10,106.77**

**2017 Monthly Budget Projection
\$11,428.23**

**Difference for this month
-\$1,321.46**

Columbus Street Baptist Church
Country Oaks Baptist Church
Daybreak Baptist Church
Fairfax So Baptist Church
Fairview So Baptist Church
Fellowship Baptist Church
Filipino So Baptist Missionaries
First Baptist Church - Edison
First Baptist Church - Kernville
First So Baptist Hispanic Church
Golden Valley Christian Fellowship
Grace Baptist Church
Hingepoint Church
New Life Community Church
North Heights Baptist Church
Northside Church
Primera Iglesia Bautista – Arvin
Primera Iglesia Bautista – Wasco
Rising Star Baptist Church
Set Free Christian Fellowship
Sovereign Grace Church
Trinity So Baptist Church - Taft
Valley Baptist Church
Vision Plus Church



KCSBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS



2017

FEBRUARY

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|-------|---------|--|
| 3-4 | Fri-Sat | CSBC – SEND Convention, Long Beach Convention Center |
| 12 | Sun | SBC – Racial Reconciliation Sunday |
| 13-19 | Mon-Sun | SBC – Focus on WMU |
| 14 | Tue | Valentine’s Day |
| 17-19 | Fri-Sun | Jenness Park – Winter Youth Retreat |
| 18 | Sat | SBC – Children’s Ministry Day |
| 18 | Sat | CSBC – Baptist Family Day, Magic Mountain, Santa Clarita |
| 20 | Mon | President’s Day |

MARCH

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|-------|---------|--|
| 4 | Sat | CSBC – State VBS Clinic South – New Hope Comm Church, El Monte |
| 5-11 | Sun-Sat | SBC – Youth Week |
| 5-12 | Sun-Mon | NAMB: Week of Prayer and Mission Study of
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering |
| 10-12 | Fri-Sun | Hartland Christian Camp—Man Camp |
| 12 | Sun | Daylight Savings Time Begins |
| 19 | Sun | SBC – Church Planting Emphasis Sunday |
| 19 | Sun | SBC – Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday |
| 20 | Sun | Spring Begins |
| 25 | Sat | CSBC – Elevate Summit, San Francisco |



NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES



MARRIED ADULTS PRESENTS

I LEFT MY  IN BAKERSFIELD

— Valentine's Dinner —

FRIDAY, FEB. 10TH
6:30-9:00PM

VBC FRUITVALE CAMPUS
IN THE MULTI PURPOSE AUDITORIUM

\$50 PER COUPLE



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VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
SINGLES MINISTRY

Valentine's Dinner

10
FEBRUARY

TIME
6:00 - 8:30PM

OLIVE DRIVE CAMPUS
GREAT ROOM

COST
\$15 ADVANCE / \$20 AT DOOR

When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES**First Baptist Church Edison**

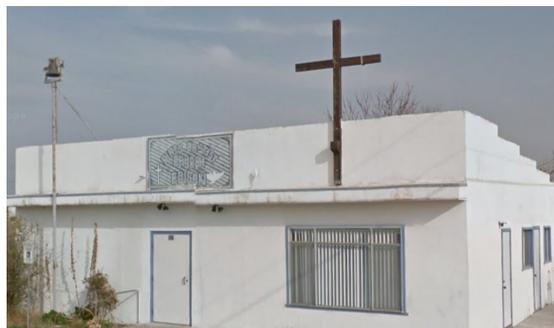
will be celebrating **50** years as a church

MAY 6th, 2017

God has continued to pour out His blessings upon them. Many new additions to the church have been made to help make it a quiet and respected place for worship. God's presence has been and continues to be felt in every room of the church and on the grounds that surround it.

As the church prepares for this celebration, they are asking for records for information of anyone that has attended the Edison Church. Please send in names, addresses, and or contact numbers.

Contact Pastor Ralph Coffman at 661-380-0330



**Matthew 16:18 ... and upon this rock I will build my church
and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.**

Create in me a pure heart, oh God

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Women of Valley

A NIGHT OF Grace

WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, CONNECTION

23 FEB

A CASUAL NIGHT FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES TO COME TOGETHER TO CONNECT AND REFUEL. WORSHIP, SPEAKER, AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS. BRING A FRIEND - NO PERFECT WOMEN ALLOWED

**VBC FRUITVALE CAMPUS
MULTI PURPOSE AUDITORIUM
6:30 - 8:00PM • FREE EVENT**

Register online at valleybaptist.org
For more information call 661.387.6353

Change my heart to beat like yours

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

VALENTINE'S DAY BIKE RUN February 11th



Bravo Farms off the I5 Nort

Everyone is welcome.....Either ride or caravan in your car

Lunch at Bravo Farms Cheese Factory
33341 Bernard Drive, Kettleman City, CA
Meeting @ 3221 Parkland Ct...KSU around 9 am



**INFORMATION FOR EITHER EVENT CONTACT:
SET FREE MINISTRIES
MIKE SALAZR at 661.303-6266**

Join us for a time for fun & fellowship and help a worthy cause at our ...

2017 CANCER WALK

Public Fundraiser

February 18 start time: 8:00am

(walks are throughout the day until 2 pm.)

Cancer Walk...Saturday Feb.18

Valley Baptist Olive Drive Campus, 5500 Olive Dr.

Fundraiser for CBCC Foundation

(all proceeds stay in Kern County)

\$10.00 or donation

When I wait, you strengthen my heart

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Valley Bible Fellowship
Saturday, April 1, 2017 / 6:00 p.m.

ChildFund International & If 7:14
It's time... it714.com

PRESENT

NEWSBOYS

IN CONCERT



LOVE RIOT

TOUR

PLUS!

AN ALL NEW THEATRICAL EXPERIENCE

GOD'S NOT DEAD **LIVE!**

RIVALS

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT NEWSBOYS.COM

NEWS FROM CSBC - FAMILY BAPTIST DAY

Baptist Family Day at Six Flags Magic Mountain allows church groups and families to enjoy the excitement of the theme park at a reduced rate, as well as attending an afternoon rally emphasizing **TRUE LOVE WAITS**

Cost is \$37.00 per ticket.

Focused on teens, the program includes a worship band and featured speaker and emphasizes sexual purity until marriage.

Six Flags has hosted Baptist Family Day since the 1980's, and thousands of California Southern Baptists have enjoyed the park while also getting fed spiritually.

Join us February 18 for this year's Baptist Family Day!

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